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SALEM MAN FOUND GUILTY OF BANK ROBBERY

CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE: United States Attorney Tom Colantuono today announced that Joseph Deveau, 32, Salem, New Hampshire, pleaded guilty in the United States District Court for the District of New Hampshire to one count of bank robbery. The charge stems from the October 26, 2002, robbery of Bank North, 130 Main Street, Salem, New Hampshire.

On October 26, 2002, Deveau entered the Bank North branch in Salem, New Hampshire, wearing a hooded jacket, baseball cap, and sunglasses and produced a note demanding money. The note told the teller she had 20 seconds to give him the money. After being given a sum of money, Deveau left the bank on foot. A piece of paper left in the bank by Deveau had the name of one of his associates. The Salem Police Department used the information on the paper to locate Deveau within a few hours of the robbery. A portion of the money stolen in the robbery was recovered from the residence where Deveau was staying.

A sentencing hearing will be held on July 18, 2003, at the United States District Court in Concord. The statutory maximum sentence for bank robbery is 20 years imprisonment and a fine of up to \$250,000. Deveau may be classified as a career offender and, if so, will receive an enhanced sentence under the federal sentencing guidelines.

U.S. Attorney Tom Colantuono expressed his appreciation to the Salem Police Department and to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for the swift capture of Deveau. U. S. Attorney Colantuono stated: "This case was solved within a few days because of the exemplary investigative efforts of detectives from the Salem Police Department and agents of the FBI. The United States appreciates the dedicated work of the detectives who worked so quickly to solve this case." Assistant U. S. Attorney Don Feith prosecuted this case.